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For: METHOD FOR PREPARING ENDOTOXIN-FREE NUCLEIC ACIDS OR NUCLEIC ACIDS WITH REDUCED ENDOTOXIN CONTENT AND THE USE THEREOF

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Sir:

Please enter the following amendments prior to examination of the above-referenced application:

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please enter the following amendments to claims 1 through 16 as filed in the originally filed application. Both a clean and a marked-up copy of the claims as amended are attached.

Respectfully submitted,



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